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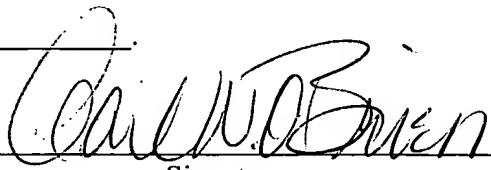
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Enclosed is an Interview Summary in response to the Notice of Allowance and Examiner
Interview Summary issued February 27, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent
application.

- [] A petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- [] Also enclosed is a Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter,
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 Form and copies of
References.
- [] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.129(a) is also enclosed.

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Total Claims	36	Minus 36 =	0	x \$18.00 =	0.00
Independent Claims	4	Minus 4=	0	x \$86.00 =	0.00
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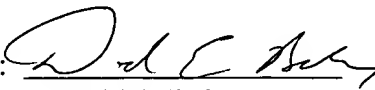
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Examiner: L. Salvatore

On January 13, 2003, the undersigned had a telephone interview with Examiner Lynda Salvatore (Examiner) regarding the Office Action issued January 2, 2004. The discussion focused on the Examiner's interpretation of the illustrated embodiments in Alts, U.S. Patent No. 6,145,617 ("Alts Patent"), which was cited in the Office Action. Specifically, it was pointed out by the undersigned that the Examiner's discussion in the Office Action was based on a reversed view of the Alts soundproofing layers. In particular, with regard to the Alts embodiment shown in Figure 10, the Examiner's discussion was based on comparing the innermost layer 28 of the Alts embodiment with the outermost (i.e., engine environment-facing) covering layer recited in claim 1 of the Application, the porous spring layer 13 to the duroplastic foam layer of claim 1 and so on.

The Examiner agreed with the undersigned that she had misinterpreted the teachings of the Alts Patent and that this misinterpretation was significant. The Examiner further agreed that, based on proper interpretation, the ordering of the soundproofing ling recited in claim 1 of the Application is not disclosed in the Alts Patent.

Based on our discussions, the Examiner agreed to issue a Supplemental Office Action to replace the pending Office Action. Based on her further review, the Examiner instead issued a Notice of Allowance.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's assistance in this matter and the allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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